

DB2 Version 9 For z/OS Migration

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Schedule

DB2 V9 migration, like V8, will take place in three phases; Compatibility Mode (CM), Enable New Function Mode (ENFM), and New Function Mode (NFM). The product will be ordered on September 1, 2009 and SMPE installation work will begin immediately thereafter. IBM software falls under the category of Single Version Licensing meaning that we must complete migration of all DB2 systems within one year or be billed for both Version 8 and Version 9.

The first DB2 subsystem to migrate will be DBS2 (system test) on CPU9. It will migrate to CM in early fall and tested thoroughly before proceeding to DBD1 (development) and DBP1 (production). There will be an overlap of phases by moving DBS2 to ENFM while DBD1 is still in CM and so forth; staggering phases and subsystems as they are tested and problems are resolved. The migration of all environments will be coordinated through the change management process with the intent of moving all DB2 subsystems to Version 9 before the end of 2009.

Overview

The official product name is DB2 Version 9.1 for z/OS, program number 5635-DB2. The abbreviated name is DB2 9 for z/OS. The program announcement occurred on May 2, 2006, with general availability on March 16, 2007. It is important to stay current on database software versions to ensure support from IBM and also to take advantage of enhancements to the product.

DB2 9 for z/OS enhances DB2's ability to handle new and enterprise applications. It improves functionality in the areas of LOBs, online schema evolution, Unicode, XML, SQL, utilities, security, and 64-bit virtual storage.

Connectivity

Connectivity to DB2 9 for z/OS requires software levels for DB2 Connect or DB2 UDB for Linux, UNIX, and Windows to be at a minimum of Version 9.1 fixpack 1, Version 8.1 fixpack 13, or Version 8.2 fixpack 6. Please verify that you are at the supported levels.

If you are using the JDBC Type 4 driver to connect directly to DB2 for z/OS, you do not need DB2 Connect installed, but you DO need to be licensed to use DB2 Connect. The JDBC driver can take the place of the DB2 connect software but requires the same license.

Cost savings

Reduced total cost of ownership occurs through improved SQL, the addition of XML, and the reduction in database administration tasks. zIIP provides extra capacity and reductions in DB2 costs for some distributed, parallel query, and utility index workloads.

The following list of Version 9 enhancements are available (and will be tested) in NFM. Please let the DB2 staff know if your application intends to exploit any of these enhancements.

1	Availability
	WLM exploitation
	RENAME column
	Universal Table Spaces (partition-by-growth, ranger-partitioned)
	Clone tables support
	REFRESH EARLY Code
	Conditional Restart Log Truncation by Timestamp
	Cancel DB commands
	ALTER TABLE long varchar to varchar
	Automatic creation of objects
	SMS constructs

2	Stored Procedures
	Native SQL stored procedures
	Nested compound statements in SQL stored procedures
	Debugging and Unified Debugger
	Changes regarding external Stored Procedures

3	SQL Enhancements
	New data types
	INSTEAD OF trigger
	MERGE statement
	UPDATE, DELETE, and MERGE within SELECT statement
	ORDER BY and FETCH FIRST in subselect
	TRUNCATE statement
	UNION, INTERSECT, and EXCEPT statements
	New built-in functions
	CURRENT SCHEMA
	Cultural sort

4	Security
	Three-tier architecture
	Trusted Context and Role
	Dynamic SQL auditing
	Already Verified Incoming Request
	Securing DBA activities
	Catalog tables

Secure Socket Layers (SSL) and Trusted Context
Enterprise Identity Mapping (EIM)
WebSphere
Auditability changes
DB2 trace filtering

5	Application Enablement
	Optimistic concurrency control
	Skip locked data
	LOB file reference variables
	FETCH CONTINUE
	IBM DB2 driver for JDBC and SQLJ
	Remove DB2 private protocol
	DB2 Spatial Support

6	Utilities
	LOAD
	UNLOAD
	RUNSTATS
	REORG
	CHECK DATA
	CHECK LOB
	COPY
	RECOVER
	REPORT TABLESPACESET
	MODIFY RECOVERY
	REBUILD INDEX
	TEMPLATE
	BACKUP/RESTORE SYSTEM
	CATMAINT
	VOLUME level COPY available because we are z/OS 1.8
	Online CHECK LOB
	Online CHECK DATA
	REORG LOBS > 32K and 2MG
	Test INCREMENTALS on BACKUP SYSTEM
	DSN1COMP to estimate Buffer Pools

7	Performance and Scalability
	zIIP
	Virtual storage management
	Index compression
	Expect higher CPU usage in CM mode; lower in NFM
	Enhanced sequential key insert
	REOPT AUTO
	RLF enhancements
	Histogram statistics
	Optimization of complex query
	Global query optimization

WLM-assisted buffer pool management
LOB performance improvements
Miscellaneous performance improvements
ALTER BUFFERPOOL AUTOSIZE(YES)

8 XML

9	Miscellaneous
	NOT LOGGED tablespace
	RENAME INDEX
	Buffer management
	New –DISPLAY THD options
	ZPARMS IMPDSDEF, IMPTSCMP
	CREATE STOGROUP options of MGMTCLAS, etc.
	ALTER STOGROUP (will it allow migrate to different stogroup?
	Unified debugger
	TRUNCATE – to empty table fast
	CURRENT SCHEMA
	Look at new security enhancements: ROLES, TRUSTED CONTEXT. I don't
	think they will work for us.
	SSL is available w/ V9
	ZPARM – MAXOFILR
	New –DISPLAY THD options
	ZPARMS IMPDSDEF, IMPTSCMP
	CREATE STOGROUP options for SMS, ie. STORCLAS, MGMTCLAS, etc.

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